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SUBJECT: NICARAGUA DELEGATION TO PANAMA SOCIOLOGY MEETING

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1. PANAMANIAN AMBASSADOR PEDRO ROSADO ANNOUNCED APRIL 25 THAT MIGUEL DA CASTILLA, SEBASTIAN CASTRO CRUZ AND EDUARDO ALVIR, NICARAGUAN DELEGATES TO THE SECOND CONGRESS OF SOCIOLOGY OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND PANMA LEFT MANAGUA FOR PANAMA ON APRIL 15. ACCORDING TO SOMOZA-OWNED NOVEDADES, AMBASSADOR ROSADO SAID THAT THE CONGRESS IS SPONSORED BY THE SOCIOLOGY ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND PANAMA AND THE GOP AND WILL MEET IN PANAMA APRIL 26 - 31 TO DISCUSS "DEVELOPMENT OF MONOPOLY CAPITALISM, POLITICAL DEPENDENCY AND COLONIALISM, MILITARY INTERVENTION, AND THE ARMAMENT RACE".

2. OF THE NICARAGUAN DELEGATES, ALL MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH PANAMA, CASTRO IS A MEMBER OF THE PRESIDIUM OF THE MOSCOW-LINE NICARAGUAN SOCIALIST PARTY (PSN); DE CASTILLA WORKED FOR THE TORRIJOS GOVERNMENT UNTIL EXPELLED FROM PANAMA, BUT NEVERTHZLESS NOW HEADS NICARAGUAN COMMITTEE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH PANAMA, AND ALVIR IS A LEFT-WING JOURNALIST. CONFIDENTIAL

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3. COMMENT: NOVEDADES' REPORTING WITHOUT COMMENT ON THE DEPARTURE OF THE GROUP WHICH INCLUDES A WELL-KNOWN COMMUNIST IS HIGHLY UNUSUAL BUT INDICATIVE OF THE DELICATE STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN SOMOZA AND TORRIJOS. ON THE ONE HAND, SOMOZA HAS BEEN THE COOLEST CHIEF OF STATE TO PANAMA'S CASE ON THE CANAL TREATY, WHILE ON THE OTHER, HE HAS BEEN EMBARRASSED BY SEVERE CRITICISM OF THE PANAMA REGIME BY LOWER-RANKING SOMOCISTAS AND THEREFORE AT PAINS TO PUT ON THE BEST POSSIBLE FACE IN WHAT IS AN UNCOMFORTABLE SITUATION.

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